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Applicant : Cragg, et al.
Appl. No. : 09/709,105
Filed : November 10, 2000
For : METHODS AND APPARATUS
FOR FORMING CURVED AXIAL
BORES THROUGH SPINAL
VERTEBRAE
Examiner : Daniel J. Davis
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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE

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Dear Sir:

Applicants enclose herewith one drawing showing Figure 6, in which the spelling of certain words appearing inside blocks S100, S200, S300, and S400 of the flowchart have been corrected.

REMARKS

Applicants request approval to substitute Figure 6 as originally filed with the amended version of Figure 6 enclosed herein. Applicants respectfully submit that certain text appearing inside blocks S100, S200, S300, and S400 of the flowchart in Figure 6 have been amended to correct spelling errors and to better conform with the specifications of the present application, rather than for reasons having to do with patentability of the inventions in the present application. Specifically, the following changes have been made:

- With reference to block S100, "AAFL" has been changed to "AAIFL" and "PAFL" has been changed to "PAIFL."

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- With reference to block S200, "TASF" has been changed to "TASIF." With continued reference to block S200, "AAFL" has been changed to "AAIFL" and "PAFL" has been changed to "PAIFL."
- With reference to block S300, "TASF" has been changed to "TASIF."
- With reference to block S400, "TASF" has been changed to "TASIF."

Applicants respectfully submit that the requested drawing change does not introduce new matter.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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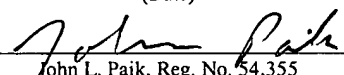
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ATTENTION: Official Draftsperson

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits herewith:

- (X) Request for Approval of Drawing Change
- (X) One (1) page of amended drawings
- (X) Submission of Formal Drawings
- (X) Eighteen (18) pages of formal drawings
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.

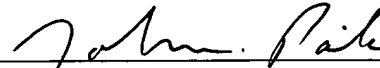
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit herewith eighteen (18) sheets of formal drawings to replace the informal drawings originally filed in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

With reference to the "Request for Approval of Drawing Change" enclosed herewith, Figure 6 has been amended to correct spelling errors and to better conform with the specifications of the present application, rather than for reasons having to do with patentability of the inventions in the present application. Applicants respectfully submit that the drawing change to Figure 6 does not introduce new matter. Applicants respectfully request approval of the enclosed formal drawings.

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